

Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument Vegetation Map Class for Ponderosa Pine Invasive Herbaceous Vegetation

The map class "[Ponderosa Pine Invasive Herbaceous Vegetation](#)" is composed of the following vegetation associations, each described separately:

- [Ponderosa Pine Invasive Herbaceous Vegetation](#)
- [Western wheatgrass Herbaceous Vegetation](#)

This map class occurs in large polygons in the west central part of the mapping area, in parts of the area that burned 5-30 years ago, along disturbed roadsides and in the vicinity of the larger gravel pits. In these areas, invasive, non-native species became dominant in the understory, forming dense herbaceous stands where trees were killed, and forming the understory in areas where the canopy trees survived.